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Craig P. Smith et al

Examiner: Dwayne C. Jones

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Application No.: 10/076,191

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Title: METHOD OF TREATING OF
DEMYELINATING DISEASES OR
CONDITIONS

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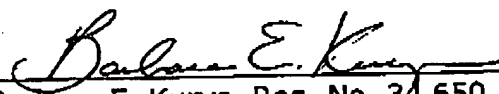
This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of May 9, 2003.

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In response to the Restriction Requirement imposed by the Examiner in the above-referenced Office Action, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II directed to a method of treating spinal cord injury.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No.18-1982. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,


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